

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto of corrected formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-27 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Antecedent basis of the new claims can be found in the Specification as filed. More specifically, antecedent basis of Claim 11 can be found in paragraph 0055 of the publication; antecedent basis of Claims 12 and 13 can be found in paragraph 0042 of the publication; antecedent basis of Claims 14 and 15 can be found in paragraphs 0014, 0045, 0046 and 0065 of the publication; antecedent basis of Claim 17 can be found in paragraphs 0042, 0062 and 0063 and Fig. 11 of the publication; antecedent basis of Claim 18 can be found in paragraphs 0045 and 0046 of the publication; antecedent basis of Claim 20 can be found in paragraphs 0048, 0049 and 0051 of the publication; and antecedent basis of Claim 23 can be found in paragraph 0053 of the publication.

Drawings

The drawings have been amended to correct several of the reference numerals and add several reference numerals.

Conclusion

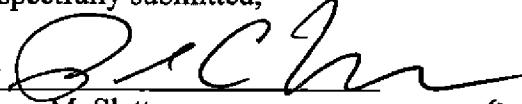
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James M. Slattery (Reg. No. 28,380) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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